



Assignment: Placemat download lesson
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One night, as my older boys were helping me bring things to the table to get ready for dinner, I realized that neither of them had been taught how to properly set a table. Since they are eight and six, it's about time they learn! I'm making it a priority to have them set the table a couple of days each week, and I created this placemat to help them learn where everything goes. I used my favorite Fiskars sewing tools – the Comfort Grip Rotary Trimmer & Comfort Grip Pinking Sheers – along with some USX circle templates and made an easy to follow guide. Now they'll never have to ask whether the fork goes on the left or right side of the plate!

Supply List :

Fiskars : 12-9898 softgrip pinking shears

Fiskars : 12-9476 SoftGrip 7in scissors

Fiskars : 12-5977 12-in-1 Sewing Multi-Tool

Fiskars 12-97937097 45mm Comfort Grip Rotary Trimmer

Fiskars : 12-87327097 6.5x24.5in Easy To Read Ruler

Fiskars : 12-83717097 18x24in Cutting mat

Fiskars : 01-000068 Stamp Block Set

Fiskars : 12-89188897 Basic Font Clear Stamps

Fiskars : 12-4850 7097 Circles Shape Template

Fiskars : 12-49107097 Super Sized Circles

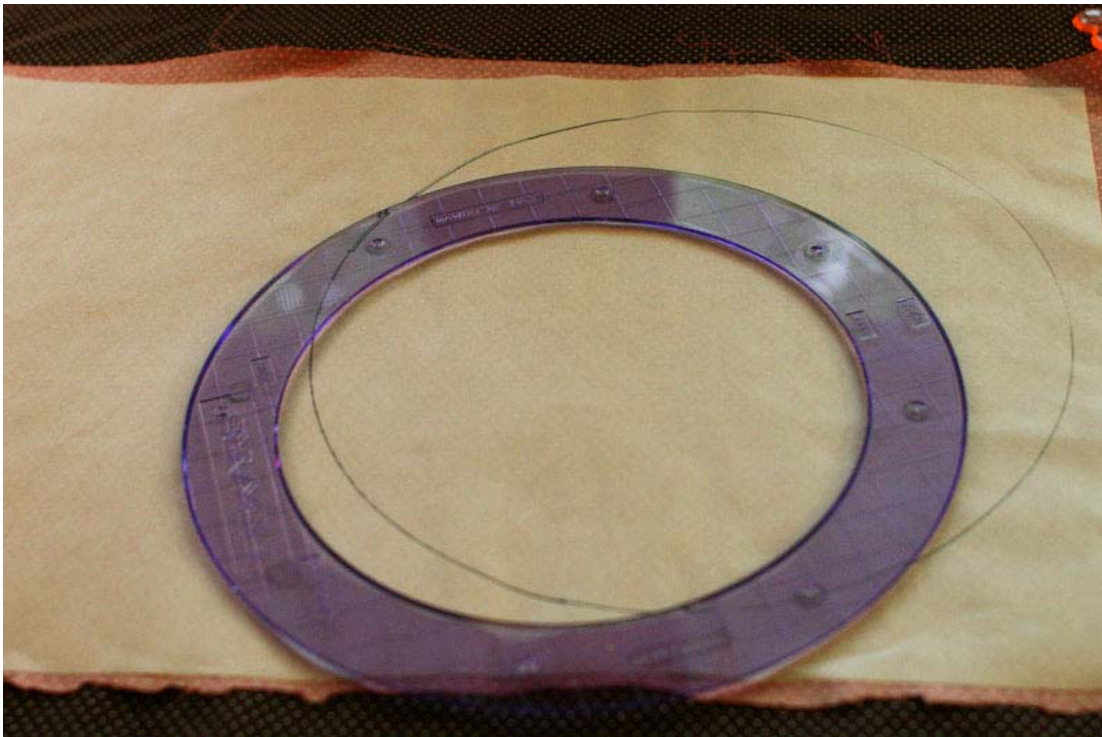
Other: Brown Fabric Ink, Quilt batting, Fabric – ¼ yard of the patterns for the front and back, and scraps to create the shapes, Bias Tape, Iron On Interfacing, thread



1. Gather your tools. I find it's easier to get everything together in the beginning than to get stuck in the middle digging around for my pinking shears.



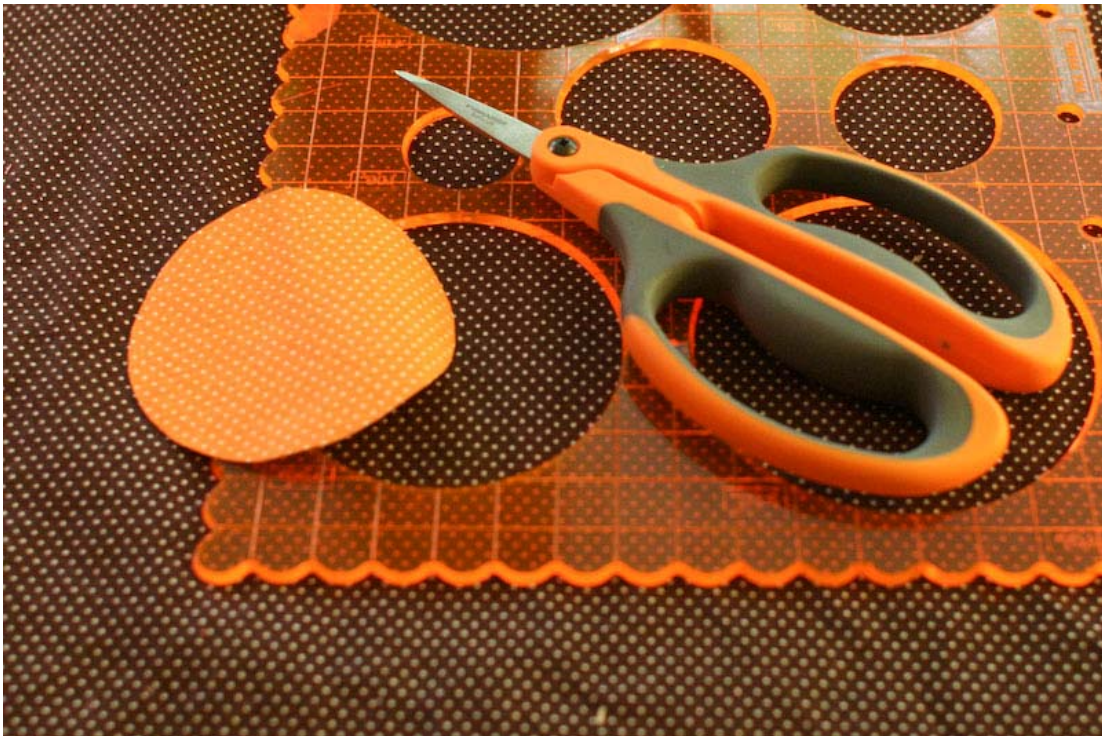
2. Using your Comfort Grip Rotary Trimmer, trim two pieces of fabric and one piece of quilt batting to 14x20in. I used a brown polka dot for the top of my placemat, and a fun tree & birdie print from Heidi Grace as the back.



3. Select your fabric for the plate detail and apply iron on interfacing to the back of it. Use an USX circle template to trace a 8.25in circle on the back of the interfacing.

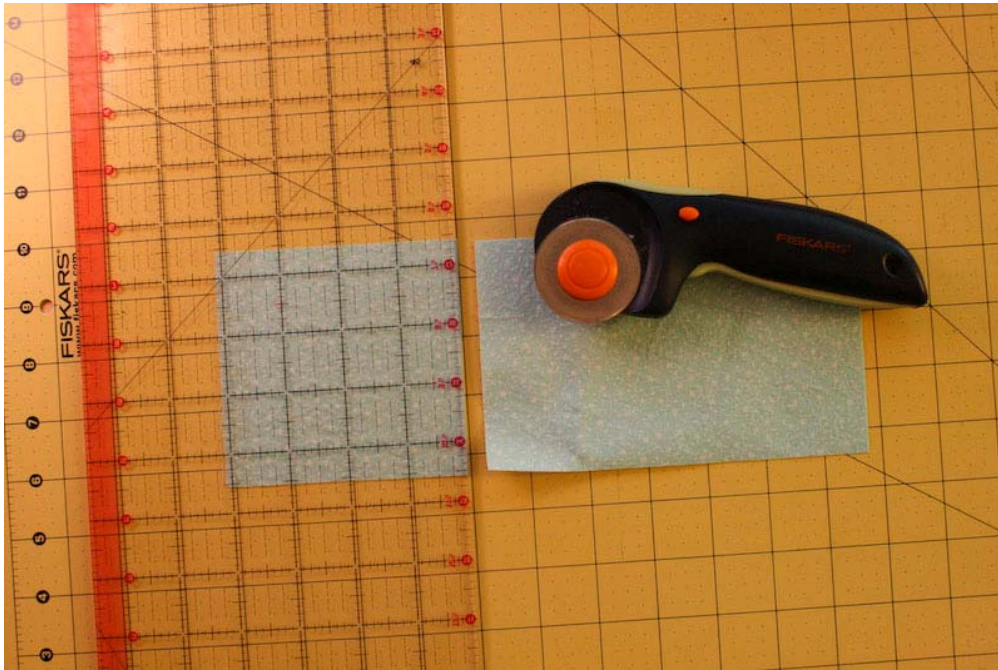


4. Cut out the circle using pinking shears.

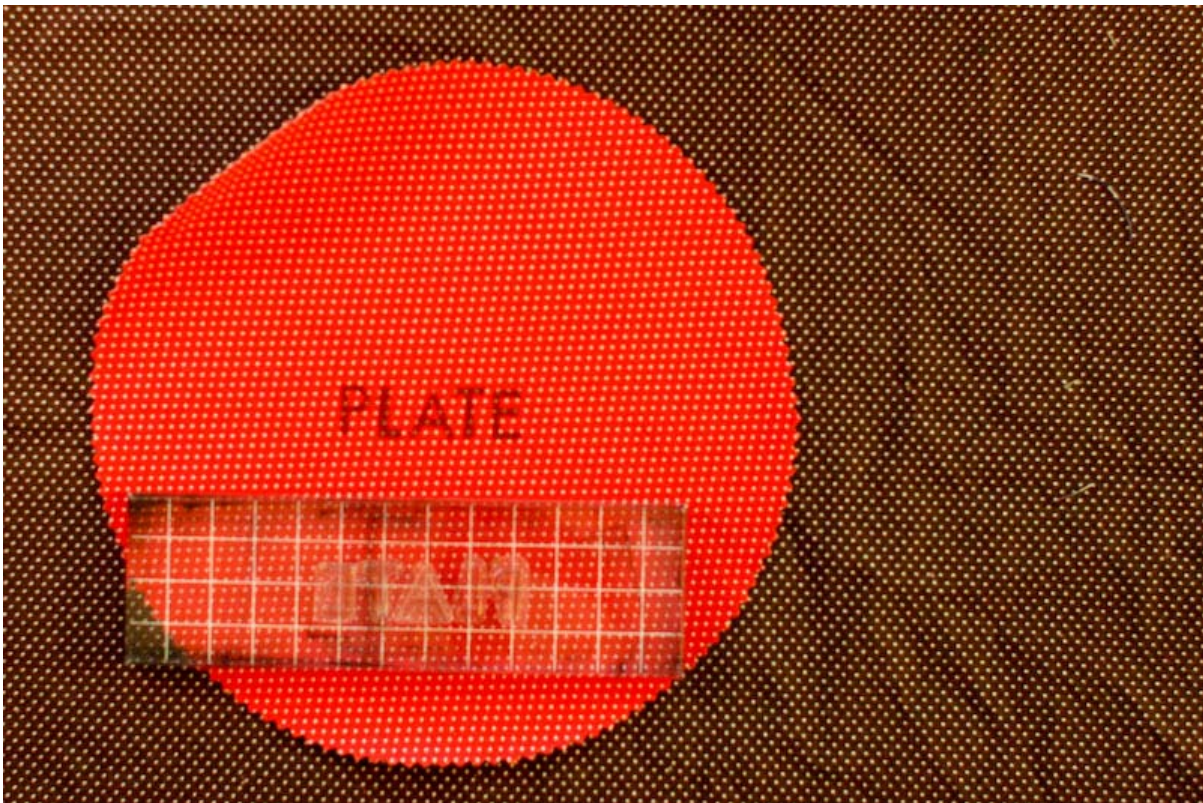


5. Select the fabric for the cup detail and apply iron on interfacing to the back of it. Use an USX circle template to trace a 3in circle on the back of the interfacing and cut it out.

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6. Apply iron on interfacing to the fabrics you'd like to use for the napkin and utensils. Use your Comfort Grip trimmer to cut the fabric to size. Napkin – 4inx6.5in. Utensils – 1.5x5.25in.



7. Using alphabet stamps and a fabric safe ink pad, stamp guide words on each piece of fabric.



8. Using the birds on the Heidi Grace fabric as a guide, cut a small piece of fabric into the body of a bird. Add a beak, legs and wing from other fabrics.



9. Place all of your shapes on the fabric you want to use for the top of your placemat and iron into place.

10. Stitch each shape in place. I went around each shape twice – it's hard to make a perfect circle, and going around multiple times can hide irregularities.



11. Layer your fabric as shown – your back fabric (face down), batting, then your placemat top (face up)



12. Pin your bias tape in place along the back of the placemat and stitch around the entire placemat.



13. Fold the bias tape around to the front of the placemat and pin in place. Stitch to finish.

Now that I've finished this project, I may need to take the time to make a second one – I don't want my boys fighting over it!